

## Clothing Suggestions for European style Renaissance garb

(You may wish to dress in any culture's clothing appropriate to the time period 900 –1599 ad)

Clothes that you may have lingering in your closet that generally pass as faire-like include:

- Natural leather shoes, boots, and sandals
- Blousy shirts in natural colors
- Natural leather vests
- Blousy dresses in natural colors
- Snug fitting pants without pockets if possible

**Women** a plain-colored long skirt, under skirt and peasant-type blouse will serve. A length of cloth, such as a dishtowel, can make a veil. A hat or snood will hide modern hair. Long hair is generally braided.

**Men** wear plain trousers (not jeans), and a peasant-style shirt that is not tucked in. A cloak, even one made of a blanket, can hide modern clothes. Plain black slippers or plain boots and a jerkin (vest), and a hat

**Girls** might wear a long loose colored dress (to her ankles), with another long dress or robe over it. Belted at the waist. She might carry a small bag, keys, and a knife hanging from her belt. She could wear leather boots, or sandals.

**Boys** might wear a big single colored t-shirt (it should reach to his knees), belted at the waist, with colored tights under it (unless it is hot!) and leather shoes or boots (not sneakers)

Clothing always reflected the social status of the wearer. There would be no doubt in one's mind about picking out the nobility in any crowd. Clothing was a direct indication of wealth. The cost of clothing was related to the type of fabric and the color. Purple dye was extracted by crushing thousands of tiny sea snails; similarly, crimson dye was obtained by crushing a certain type of beetle. Processed fabrics such as velvet or corduroy were costly, as were satins and other fine weaves. Therefore most peasants wore plain clothing, gray, brown, white.

Cotton was expensive and uncommon before the rise of the cotton gin. Cotton was an expensive fabric up till the 1800s. Flax and wool were the more common fibers. Flax (from a plant called flax) is made into linen, which while expensive now, wasn't when it was homespun. Wool yarn became wool fabric of all weights, including tweed, which was woven wool fabric that had been beaten on one side while wet to form a wooly, wind-proof material. Socks or stockings were knitted luxury items in summer, but very necessary in winter.

Leather goods made from deer, elk, and other hides, was used in battle garments as well as shoes, vests, shields. Rope was a basic part of clothing, holding up the pants, cinching the skirts, and securing sandals or shoes.

### Hair Coverings

Men and women wore hats or hair coverings regularly -a wool cloak or hood, a simple white cotton veil, a wool cap, etc. Hair coverings of all kinds not only kept the elements off your head, but kept the critters in your hair from falling in your food. Long hair was usually braided.

### Talk the Talk

We want you to "hawk" your merchandise using one or two choice phrases when interacting with others. You won't have to memorize hundreds of lines. In order to perform more effectively and take your fellow fair goers and audience back in time, all you need is to adopt a few phrases and or words and use them appropriately. Everyone who spoke early English has been dead for at least four hundred years, so nobody is going to critique you.

**Types of Greetings:** These are the most important and most commonly used phrases. Good Day, Good Even, Good Morrow, Save Thee, What ho! (What's up), How fare'st thou? (How are you), Where hail ye from? (Where are you from), Tarry and feast (Stay and eat), Fare thee well (goodbye), How stands the hour? (What time is it?), What be thy pleasure? (What would you like), Tarry and sit thee down (stay and sit), I thank thee. (Thank you), Gramercy (thank you), What ails thee? (What's the matter), What be thy title? (What's your name?), God bid thee good den (have a good day)

**Forms of address:** Sir and Mistress were forms used for just about any male or female. Madame is for a married woman of middle class. My Lord and My Lady are to be used to address nobility. Monarchs are to be addressed as Your Majesty or Your Grace. A peasant is Goodman or Goodwife. It is also proper to address someone by their trade, that is, Goodman Blacksmith or Master Tailor, or Goodwife Weaver, etc.

**Using Thou, Thee, and Thine:** Thou and thee were used when speaking to people you knew well; family, friends, and God. You was reserved for nobility. Thine is possessive, showing that "it" belongs to the person you are addressing (sort of like "y'all".) Ye was used in addressing a crowd, in smaller groups. Thy was used with a noun, that is, Thy Book, Thy Life, Thy cup. More examples: Thou art beautiful; I love thee; Where is thy man/woman? Thine efforts shall be rewarded. Ye is plural of thou. That is, Ye say ye are the children of Abraham. Nay is no. Examples: Nay, I know him not. Aye (pronounced EYE) is yes.

**Insults.** (Who knows how these might come in handy?)

"A Pox on thee"

"God's teeth"

"Thou art a scurvy knave" (to a man you want to insult)

"Thou pox ridden doxy" (to a female you don't like)

"Thou liftskirt" (to a female you don't like)

"Thou misbegotten son of Beelzebub"

"Thou milksop" (Wimp)

"Thou Popinjay" (Clotheshorse)

"I give not a tinker's damn" (I don't care)

"God's wounds"

"She's no better than she should be!" (A woman of easy virtue)

### **Compliments**

"Thou art wondrous fair, Milady"

"Thou art a most stalwart lad"

"Thou art a right comely wench"

"She be a right buxom dame/lass" (well endowed)

"My gentle servant" (The words a lady would use to her lover)

### **Other Tidbits**

Laced Mutton - A Prostitute

Flemish Drunkard - The Flemings were noted for having the national pastime of drinking.

Red Lattice - In Elizabeth's day red lattices at the doors and windows of a building denoted an alehouse.

Potatoes - In these days, potatoes were supposed to be strong provocatives or aphrodisiacs

Kissing comfits - Sugar-plums

Winchester goose - Prostitute

Doxy - A woman of easy virtue

Strumpet - A woman of easy virtue.

Malkin - Old hag

Elf-locks - Dreadlocks

Side sleeves - over sleeves of garments which hang loose

Lovelock - A single lock of hair hanging long which was a foppish custom for young men

## **Services found in the Kingdom of Mancos**

### **Food and drink**

**Absolute Bakery Cafe**, 110 S. Main St., Monday-Saturday 6:30am-3pm, Sunday 7:30am-noon, 533-1200.

Organic coffees, fresh breads, pastries, breakfast, lunch, generous portions.

**Columbine Bar**, 123 W. Grand Ave, Sunday-Wednesday, 11am-midnight, Th/F/Sat 11am-2am, 533-7397. Local libations for over a Century. Pizza, snacks.

**Dining with Tina Louise**, Your Personal Chef, 35582 Rd H.5, 533-7881, chefteenalouise@yahoo.com, she comes to your place and cooks for you!

**Echo Basin Restaurant & Bar**, 43747 Road M (Echo Basin Road), 533-7000.

**Hamburger Haven**, 108 E. Grand Ave, Monday-Saturday 8am-6:30pm, Sunday 10:30am-3pm, 533-7919. Hamburgers, fresh fries, Breakfast, lunch and dinner specials, dine-in or carry out.

**Log Cabin Liquor**, just west of Cox Conoco on the south frontage road, Monday-Saturday, 8am-9pm, 533-9774. Full selection of beers, wines, liquor.

**Mancos Pizza**, 280 Frontage Road (North) Monday-Saturday 8am-9pm, 533-1390. Pizza, salad bar, soups, sandwiches, ice cream.

**Millwood Junction**, 101 W. Railroad Ave at Main, Daily 11am-2:30pm. 5:30pm-10:30pm, Bar opens at 4pm, 533-7338. Seafood buffet Friday night, steaks, seafood, chef specials, sandwiches, salad bar, patio dining.

**P & D Grocery**, on north side of highway 160, groceries, UPS, Western Union, pizza, ice cream, roasted chicken, and sandwiches to go. Daily 6am-9pm, 533-7932

**Pangea**, 145 W. Grand, Sandwiches, salads, soups, delicious entrees. 11am-2pm, 5-9pm. 533-9809

**Ted's Tacos**, south of Hwy 160 next to Log Cabin Liquor, Daily 6am-9pm, offers chili, soup, breakfast burritos, and was featured on an Elton Brown show recently. 759-5764

**Zuma Natural Foods**, 121 Railroad Ave next to Conoco Car Wash, 6:30am-7pm daily, coffee bar, soup, salads, natural foods, groceries, flowers, bulk foods, fresh local produce. 533-7300. Internet access WiFi.

## Services and Shopping

**Artisans of Mancos**, 101 Grand, 533-7040, Monday-Saturday 9-6, Sunday 9-1:30. Books, calligraphy, cards, felted figures, forge work, jewelry, pine needle baskets, plein air paintings, photography, pyrography, rustic furniture, sandstone paintings, quilts, stained glass, turned wood vessels.

**Beehive**, 128 Grand Ave, 533-9769, home, bath, toys, skincare, reflexology, waxing, facials. closed Sunday & Monday.

**Budget Business Forms and More**, 131 N. Main, 533-1011, 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday, copies, fax, UPS shipping, color copies.

**Cox Conoco**, 201 E. Railroad Ave, Daily 6am-9pm, Gas, diesel, service, repairs, snacks, 533-7728

**Dog Hotel**, 33350 Hwy 184 (12 miles north) 882-5416 boards dogs, cats.

**First National Bank**, 178 E. Frontage Rd, Mon-Thu. 8am-4pm, Fri 8am-6pm, 533-7798

**Good Samaritan Thrift Shop**, 303 East 1st Ave, M-Fri 1-4pm, 533-7975

**Laundromat**, 385 N Willow, Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, Sun 11am-7:30pm, 533-1152.

**Mancos Family Dentistry**, 111 E. Railroad, 533-7204.

**Mancos Public Library**, 111 N. Main, 533-7569, M-Th, 10am-7pm, F 10am-5pm, Sat. 10am-3pm. Internet Access/WiFi. Fax 533-7600, Main sponsors of the Faire. Closed during the Faire.

**Mancos Stagecoach Line**, 4550 Road 41 (5 miles south of town), 533-9857, lunch, dinner stage rides.

**Mancos Valley Bank**, 138 N Main, Mon-Thu. 9am-3pm, Friday 8am-6pm, 533-7736

**Mancos Valley Business Center**, 385 N. Willow, Copies, Fax, Notary, video rentals, M-F 9am-5pm. 533-1152

**Mancos Valley Hardware**, 192 South Main, Mancos, 533-7667.

**Mancos Valley Health Clinic**, 111 E. Railroad, Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, 533-9125

**Mancos Valley Veterinary Hospital**, 299 W. Frontage Rd. N. of highway, M-F 8am-noon, 2pm-5pm, 533-1060.

**Mancos Visitor Center/Chamber of Commerce and Pioneer Museum**, 171 East Railroad Ave, 533-7434.

**Nathaniel's Of Colorado**, 121 W. Grand, 533-9740, custom cowboy hats, hours vary.

**Rimrock Outfitters**, on Echo Basin Road, 533-7588. Horseback rides, breakfast and dinner rides, wilderness trips.

**Tin Ceiling**, 100 West Grand, 533-7024. Clothing, accessories. 10-5 M-F, 10-3 Saturday.

**US Post Office**, 291 N. Walnut, 533-7754, Service Window open 9am-4:30pm Monday-Friday, 10-noon, Saturday.

## **Lodging**

**A&A RV Park**, 34979 Highway 160 (6 miles west of Mancos), 565-3517

**Country West Motel**, 40700 Hwy 160, kitchenettes, picnic area with gas grills, 533-7073

**Echo Basin Dude Ranch**, on Echo Basin Road cabins, RV sites, pool, tennis, billiards, 533-7000.

**Enchanted Mesa Motel**, 862 W Grand, Playground, Laundromat, 2 blocks from Cottonwood Park, 533-7720

**Mesa Verde Motel**, 191 W. Railroad Ave, All ground level rooms, hot tub, 533-7741.

**Sundance Bear Lodge**, 4 miles north on Hwy 184, cabins, Lodge B&B, cabins, corrals, 533-1504

**Willowtail Springs**, 3 miles north of Hwy 160, B&B cabins, private lake, 533-7592